

CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CTAC)

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2002 AT 5:30 P.M.
STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
18TH FLOOR -- ROOMS (18-3 & 4)**

**NOTE: THIS MEETING IS A CONTINUATION OF
THE CTAC MEETING HELD JULY 31, 2002**

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. CONTINUE DISCUSSION

A. ADOPTED ORDINANCE LEVYING ONE-HALF OF ONE
PERCENT SURTAX FOR TRANSIT

B. ADOPTED ORDINANCE CREATING CITIZENS
INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

C. APPROVED RESOLUTION CALLING SPECIAL
ELECTION

III. ACTION ITEM

A. CTAC'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT OF THE
ADOPTED ORDINANCE 02-116 LEVYING ONE-HALF OF
ONE PERCENT SURTAX FOR TRANSIT

IV. ADJOURNMENT -- 7:00 PM

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Citizens Transportation Advisory Committee (CTAC)

Meeting of Wednesday, August 07, 2002 At 5 P.M.

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 NW First Street

Miami, FL 33128

18th Floor –Room4 (18-4)

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Lee Swerdlin informed the members and the public that Chairman Frank Hernandez was running late. He then requested the approval of the agenda. Carline Paul moved the approval of the agenda and the motion was seconded by Rolando Acosta. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

II. CONTINUED DISCUSSION

Vice Chairman Swerdlin acknowledged the elected officials and key county staff that were present at the meeting. He requested that members and those in attendance provide a brief introduction of themselves. After the introductions, Mr. Clinton Forbes, CTAC Secretariat, provided the Committee with a brief review of the July 31, 2002 meeting.

Mr. Forbes stated that many members at the July 31, 2002 CTAC meeting expressed concerns with the ordinance levying the tax, with a 20% commitment of the total surtax revenues for municipal improvements. He further stated that there was confusion regarding Exhibit 1” Municipal Improvements” where it states: ”The cities will dedicate 20% of their surtax funds to transit purposes.” He then stated that many members felt that there was no implicit language as to how the remaining 80% would be used by the municipalities. He concluded by reminding the Committee that a motion was made and seconded to withdraw CTAC’s support of the adopted Ordinance 02-116 levying one-half of one percent surtax for transit and formally opposing the ordinance due to the amendments related to the 20% allocation for municipal improvements and the weakening of the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) powers in respect to the lack of oversight of municipal projects and expenditures. He further concluded by stating that the Committee decided to table the motion and recess the meeting until August 7, 2002 to give the appropriate county representatives an opportunity to respond to the issues that were raised by CTAC.

Following Mr. Forbes’ recap, the CTAC members were given an opportunity to provide brief comments and statements regarding the tabled item.

Vice-Chair Swerdlin introduced City of Hialeah Mayor Raul Martinez and County Manager Steve Shiver who provided the Committee with a brief response to the questions raised by the members.

Mayor Martinez informed the Board that the decision to levy 20% of the total surtax revenue to the cities was not a means to buy votes. He further explained the responsibilities of the cities as it relates to the ordinance. He concluded by stating to the Committee that the cities have an obligation to use the provided funds for transportation improvements only under state statutes.

County Manager Steve Shiver stated that 20% of the total 20% allocated to the municipalities must be used towards mass transit. He also stated that the remaining 80% of the total 20% must be to maintain transportation system already in place with enhancements, such as sidewalks, trees, benches, etc. He then informed the Committee that the Board of County Commissioner's Ordinance #02-117 section (f) identifies the Citizens Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) authority and jurisdiction as it relates to the use and expenditure of proceeds of any Charter County Transit System Surtax that is levied.

Miles Moss requested clarity on the CITT authority when it comes to municipalities whose projects do not meet the set criteria. County Manager Shiver responded that the CITT has the authority to deny funds to any city whose project fails to meet the set criteria as stated in the Florida Statute 212.0551(1)(d)(1) 1-3. *(A copy of the Florida Statute 212.055 is attached).*

After an in- discussion, Chairperson Fernandez opened the floor for citizens in the audience to express their questions and concerns. Some members of the audience expressed their support of the ½ penny sales tax and the People Transportation Plan and encouraged CTAC to demonstrate their support as well.

Chairperson Fernandez closed the floor and requested that Mr. Forbes provide the Committee with a brief update of the tabled motion. Norman Wartman withdrew the tabled motion in light of the new information presented to the Committee.

Ellen Wachter moved that CTAC pass a resolution to wholeheartedly reaffirm CTAC's Resolution 09-02 supporting a half penny sales tax for transportation; and to work closely with the Mayor and the County Manager on the implementation of the public education campaign for the sales tax referendum. The motion was seconded by Carline Paul and, upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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